Town of Lunenburg Green Community Task Force Meeting Minutes February 2, 2010

Present: Members: S.Marsden, P.Slattery, D. Blatt, S.DiCampo, L. Krowitz,

C.Zivojinovic

Town Liaison: M. Benson, J. Londa, J. Breault

Alternate: J. McQuaid Absent: E. Sund

1. M. Benson advised that she will be serving on the MRPC Committee regarding energy reduction. More information to follow.

- 2. Group discussed the question of whether the designation of becoming a Green Community was achievable given the 5 required criteria for same. Specifically the stretch code requirements and the 20% energy reduction plan for municipal buildings. No Mass. cities or Towns have been able to do it yet. An opinion from Town Counsel seemed to further cloud the criteria as it relates to the stretch code. L. Krowitz advised that she would like to have our consultant return to explain options available to the Town.
- 3. D. Blatt made a motion which was seconded to have the consultant return to make another presentation with specific emphasis on the stretch code requirements which are in conflict with the pending Mass. Building Code Energy Code update due on July 1,2010 and the likelihood of achieving the 20% mandated reduction over 5 years given the new buildings in Lunenburg. Motion passed by majority vote.
- 4. M. Benson will contact consultant with directed questions and set a meeting when consultant has a Tuesday evening available.
- 5. J. McQuaid related her discussion with Unitil reps on planned program concerning streetlight conversion to LED.
- 6. Discussed the use of energy software available and its ability to track energy use on Town buildings.
- 7. J. McQuaid reported that there are 6 KW meters available for borrowing through the Lunenburg Public Library. Lunenburg is the first town in Mass. to have same available.
- 8. S. DiCampo advised that if the Green Community criteria are unable to be satisfied as presently legislated, the Task Force should be prepared to act proactively with our State representative to work on making it achievable for Lunenburg.
- 9. P. Slattery reported on ongoing studies related to an expansion of the Lunenburg DPW building and items being considered for energy efficiency.
- 10. J. McQuaid spoke about the website and ongoing efforts to refine same.
- 11. J. Londa reported that he received a request for additional information related to the grant submittal currently under review.
- 12. A brief discussion on the current cardboard recycling methods being employed and what alternate options are available. Discussion is based on perceptions of costs to taxpayers of recycling program. J. McQuaid & J. Londa to report back to Committee. Information can be put on website once formulated.
- 13. Future meeting schedule: to be determined
- 14. Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM

Respectfully submitted,